1	2	3
May, 2001	0.17	0.45
June, 2001	0.17	0.49
July, 2001	0.14	0.51
August, 2001	0.17	0.51
September, 2001	0.18	0.79
TOTAL:		6.35

(c) and (d) The loss due to return milk is minimal. Even the returned milk is reprocessed and sold. Whenever a complaint is received it is looked into. The intact return of milk is inherent in the system of milk distribution in polythene pouches. Hence, there is no question of fixing the responsibility for the same.

Revival Package of Vizag Steel Plant

*97. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current status of revival package of Vizag Steel Plant of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd., in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the reasons for the inordinate delay in implementation of the revival plan of this steel plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) A detailed proposal consisting of dispensations from the Government like setting off of the accumulated losses, capacity expansion, providing Government Guarantee for raising funds and extension of Govt. Guarantee for working capital loan was considered by the Government but the proposal was found not viable. The Disinvestment Commission proposed writing off of the entire accumulated losses of the company as on 31.3.1999 along with disinvestment of not less than 51% of its remaining equity to a strategic buyer. No time frame has been decided for the revival plan of RINL.

(b) The delay is due to the unsuccessful efforts made so far to reach a consensus on the revival plan between Govt. of Andhra

Pradesh and the concerned Departments/Ministries of the Central Government.

Cleaning up the Balance Sheet of IDPL

*98 SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to take a series of measures to clean-up the balance sheet of indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL), as a prelude to its privatisation; and

(b) if so, what are these measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A communication has been sent to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) intimating the following concessions/facilities for cleaning up the balance sheet of IDPL that the Government intends to provide to facilitate its privatisation through the induction of strategic partners:

(i) Conversion of Government loan into equity,

(ii) Waiver of interest/penal interest and guarantee fee by the Government of India,

(iii) Payment of outstanding statutory dues and funding of VRS

BIFR has been requested to invite fresh proposals to explore the possibility of privatizing each of the units of IDPL (including the 100% owned subsidiaries) separately.

Railway Bridges in Karnataka

*99. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many railway bridges in Karnataka are in distress condition;

(b) whether Government have taken any action to replace them; and